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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 5 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA – Apr. 21, 2011 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during March 2011 totaled 623 million eggs, up 5 percent from the 591 million eggs produced in March 2010, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 25.3 million during March, a 6 percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,464 eggs during the month, a decrease of 25 eggs overall from March 2010. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 14.0 million during March 2011, a 4 percent increase from the number hatched in the same month a year earlier.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.83 billion during March 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2011 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up slightly from March 2010.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 44.0 million, down 2 percent from March 2010. Broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2011 totaled 794 million, up 1 percent from March 2010. There were 23.6 million net poults placed during March 2011 in the United States, up 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

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